

A GOOD CITIZEN: In the February issue of the Current Events, dated the third to the seventh, No. 20, is an article contributed by the Clifton School. It is written herewith.

"What makes a good citizen? Our readers have been sending in hundreds of stories about the good citizens in their homes, schools, or communities. Most of these stories have one thing in common. The man, woman, boy or girl who is chosen as a good example is a person who does something for others. A good citizen, in the opinion of our teachers, is not merely a person who is active in doing helpful things. He

is a person who makes patriotism practical by putting it to work.

The seventh grade of Clifton School, Clifton, Oregon, sends in the following example of an active citizen:

"Our town is a little fishing village on the banks of the broad Columbia River, and we are proud to say we have very fine people living here. We have a church and a school.

Our outstanding citizen is Mr. Nick Soter, a man of fine character, whom everyone likes. He is admired by all, especially the school children, because he is always doing nice things for us. He takes us to shows in his car and pays our way and treats us as he does his own children.

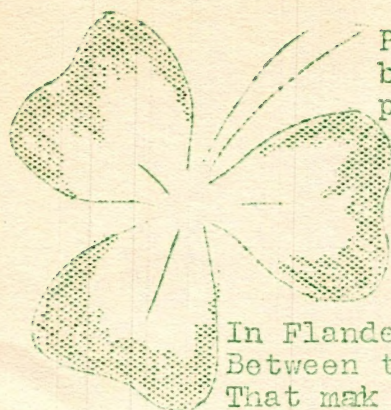
He does good deeds for the community. When people are ill and have no way of getting to a doctor, he is always ready to take them. He has been a member of the school board for many years, and when anything needs to be done we can depend on him.

He likes clean sports and plays soccer and baseball. He goes to church and practices his religion in everyday life.

During the World War, Mr. Soter joined the 316th Engineers, 91st Division, and served his country in the front lines in France.

We like him because he is so unselfish, kind and helpful to everyone, and we look up to him as one of our best citizens."





POPPY POSTERS: Instructions have been sent to you. Remember, the posters must be in our office by April 26, and all schools are asked to enter.

IN FLANDERS' FIELDS  
(By Colonel John McCrae)

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place: and in the sky  
The larks still bravely singing fly,  
Scarce heard amidst the guns below.

We are the dead.  
Short days ago we lived, felt dawn, saw  
sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved and now we lie in  
Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe,  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The Torch--be yours to hold it high;  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders' fields.

DO YOU KNOW THAT in the spring of 1919, amidst complete devastation, the poppies bloomed in abundance on the battle-fields of France, where so many of our men had fallen in battle, and that a replica of this poppy has become the Memorial Flower of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary?

THAT The American Legion was the first national organization to adopt the poppy as its Memorial Flower, having taken this action at the National Convention in Cleveland, September 27-29, 1920?

THAT The American Legion Auxiliary adopted the poppy as its Memorial Flower at its organizing convention held in Kansas City, in October, 1921?

That at the time the American Legion Auxiliary adopted



the poppy it pledged the profits from the poppy sales 100% to welfare relief for service men and women and their families, thus fulfilling the true meaning of the poppy--an emblem of faith, faith which is being kept with all who died, through service to the living?

THAT the memorial poppies are made of red crepe paper, by hand, by disabled veterans in more than fifty hospitals and poppy workrooms in forty states, and that the workers receive pay for each poppy made, the material being furnished free by the Department in whose territory the hospital is located?

THAT through the American Legion Auxiliary poppy program more than \$100,000 is paid annually to needy and disabled service men and women for making the poppies?

THAT proceeds from the sale of over 10,000,000 poppies made annually in the United States under the guidance of the American Legion Auxiliary amount to more than \$1,000,000, every penny of which is devoted to rehabilitation work by both the Legion and the Auxiliary, which includes aid to the needy veterans and their families? The method of distribution **varies** in our fifty-two Departments, depending upon the nature of the demands for help. Each of our 8,700 Units in communities scattered all over the United States, **its** territorial possessions and in foreign countries where veterans reside, maintains a Rehabilitation Committee working under a chairman, and these Unit chairmen are assisted by a state chairman of similar committees, who in turn work under the guidance and help of a National Rehabilitation Chairman and a National Child Welfare Chairman.

VACANCIES: Those teachers not intending to remain in their present positions next year, please let us know so that other teachers may be given an opportunity to apply. It must be remembered that we do not fill vacancies, but on many occasions school boards come to us for recommendations.

He that is good at making excuses is seldom good at anything else.--Benjamin Franklin



4-H

Interest in 4-H Club work in Clatsop County is continuing to increase. There are more than 700 projects started to date, and more than two months remaining to organize clubs.

Nine of Clatsop County's 4-H Club leaders attended the three-day leaders' conference in Corvallis, January 20, 21 and 22. Fine reports were made by these people at the regular club leaders' meeting February 15.

A new bulletin "Oregon 4-H Safety Program" has been printed, and copies are available at the Club Agent's office. We would be glad to supply these to any teacher that could use them in school for 4-H members or otherwise. Another new bulletin on etiquette for young boys and girls has been published by Oregon State College and is available at this office. It was printed primarily for 4-H Club members, but we will be glad to give these to any teacher for use in their school.

Rules for the 1941 4-H poster contest have been released. Teachers, who have 4-H club members in school may be interested.

1. The poster contest will close June 1. An exhibit will be made and the final judging take place during 4-H summer school.
2. The contest is open to any 4-H boy or girl in the state. A club as a group may enter one poster.
3. The poster must be of cardboard of uniform size 14 x 22 inches.
4. Five places will be selected in each class. Suitable ribbons and money will be awarded, amounts to be announced later.
5. For judging, the posters will be divided into three classes, according to projects.

CLASS I - HOME ECONOMICS: Clothing, Home making, Room Improvement, Cooking, Camp cookery, Canning

CLASS II - HOBBY: Woodworking, Flowers, Forestry, Livestock and Poultry



## CLASS III - Health

### SUGGESTIONS FOR MAKING POSTERS

"Posters are read by one who runs." They should catch the eye and tell a story at a glance. They should be easily read across the room. Posters should have carrying power, good arrangement, and be colorful. Use one central idea and be sure the illustration fits the subject. It should not carry too much detail. Humorous posters are interesting. Vivid colors catch the eye.

LETTERING. Printing should be large and simple, not elaborate. Good lettering is a matter of spacing. Spacing must be done by the eye and not with a ruler. Avoid slant printing, it is hard to read.

MARGINS. Have the margin conform to the size of the poster. Use a wide margin at the bottom, medium at the sides and a small margin at the top.

WHAT NOT TO DO. Never split your poster through the exact middle. There should be no empty space in the center. Avoid monotony. Avoid too much detail in a poster. Do not use too many colors in a poster.

MATERIALS TO USE: Carter's or Higgins water-proof ink and a Speed Ball pen are good for lettering. "Paralastic" glue or paste comes in a tube. It does not stretch the paper and the surplus may be rubbed off.

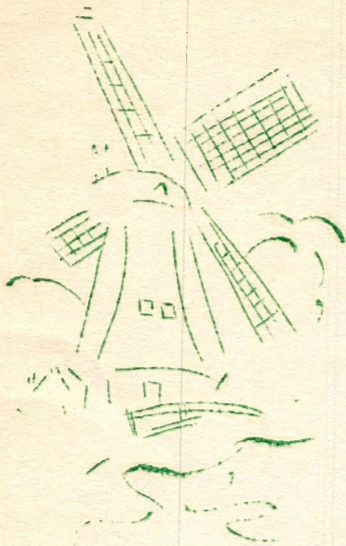
### THE NEW CLATSOP COUNTY LIBRARY

By virtue of a contract entered into by the County Court of Clatsop County and the Library Commission of the Astoria Public Library, library service is now being extended to all residents of the county--city and country alike. On March 1, 1941, the Astoria Public Library became the Clatsop County Library, and from now on is pledged to devote all its resources to satisfying the reading needs of people in all parts of the county--on a free and impartial basis.

The new county library service will be made up as follows:

1. Of the public library at 11th and Exchange Streets, Astoria, which in effect is now the Central Library





of the County Library, and whose privileges are now open to all residents of the county on the same basis that they have been available heretofore to Astoria residents only.

2. Of the public libraries in other incorporated communities in the county which wish to become branches of the county service and take advantage of its larger book supply.

3. Of stations--consisting of book deposits--to be established in any part of the county, whenever and wherever there is a sufficient demand, and

where reasonable supervision of the books so deposited can be assured. These deposits will be serviced at regular intervals.

4. Of book service to all district schools, where the books from the county library will be used to supplement existing school libraries.

5. Of bookmobile service. The bookmobile--an especially designed auto truck which accomodates a collection of from 500 to 1000 books, placed on built-in shelves, and from which borrowers may select their own reading--will be a central feature of the county library system, particularly in connection with service to the schools and to sparsely settled regions. As soon as a survey of the county now being undertaken in collaboration with the county school superintendent is completed, regular bookmobile routes will be established. It is hoped that eventually all routes may be covered at least twice monthly.

The new county service is still in the organizational stage, but it is hoped that at least provisional service to the schools may begin sometime in March.

For further information about any aspect of the service write to Glen Burch, Librarian, Clatsop County Library, Astoria.



## COMMODITIES AVAILABLE TO SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS FOR MONTH OF MARCH

Beans, White	$\frac{1}{2}$ pound per child per month
Cereal, Wheat	1 pound per child per month
Flour, Graham	1 pound per child per month
Flour, White	2 pounds per child per month
Lard	1 pound per child per month
Milk, Canned	3 cans per child per month
*Peaches, Canned	3 pounds per child per month
Prunes, Dried	$\frac{1}{2}$ pound per child per month
Raisins	$\frac{1}{2}$ pound per child per month
Rice	1 pound per child per month

\*Peaches come in No. 10 cans, weight: 6 lbs. 10 ounces.

We hope that more schools will partake of this program. According to the January report, 12 schools, and 281 pupils are taking advantage of this project.

**PLANTING OF TREES:** During the week of February 10, Mr. William Barth of Astoria, presented the Warrenton School with four Port Orford Cedar trees. The trees were twelve years old and were grown by him from seedlings from the State nursery at Corvallis.

Schools wishing to plant trees for Arbor Day may get in touch with us, and arrangements will be made to secure trees for you.

**COUNTY EXAMINATIONS:** The second semester examinations will be held some time during the first week in May, instructions to be sent you later as to subjects tested and material covered.

**RECORDS:** It is of utmost importance and necessity that the permanent record cards be filled in carefully and correctly. Be sure that every detail on the card is filled in.

**YOU MUST HAVE TAUGHT AT LEAST 160 DAYS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.**

### CALENDAR

Original Poem due  
Poppy Posters due in office  
Examinations  
Play Day

April 5  
April 26  
1st week in May  
(will notify)



**INCOME TAX:** Federal and State income tax returns are due in March and April. For single persons, tax must be paid by anyone making a gross income for the year (January to January) more than \$800.00; for married persons, the minimum amount allowed is \$2000.00. Don't forget to file your returns! Returns must be filed whether or not you have to pay a tax.

**FIRE DRILLS:** Fire drills should be given often enough so as not to be confused in the event of a fire.

**EDUCATION LEGISLATION:** Upon the termination of the session of the legislature, a circular letter will be sent to all teachers relative to educational bills passed.

**MY CONTRACT AND I:** "If you should happen to be refused a contract for the coming year, is that any reason why you are a failure or you can not make good elsewhere? Is it any reason you should give up and not finish your school year to the best of your ability? Is it any reason you should get too exercised about it and blame any one but yourself?

There must be a reason why schoolboards refuse to grant contracts to teachers. I have never known of a school board that received any joy out of doing so. It is embarrassing to them--they don't like it!

Should you be unfortunate enough not to be extended a contract for next year, you should finish your work in as pleasing a manner as possible, blaming no one in particular, and weigh in your own faults carefully. It is seldom a contract is refused a principal or teacher without just cause, but we have known that to happen. If it happens to you, there is no use crying or belittling or exhibiting anything else but good sportsmanship."--Clackamas County Bulletin

**TEACHERS' MEETINGS:** We have had very interesting teachers' meetings so far this year, and all the teachers have entered the meetings with a cooperative spirit.

**JUNIOR PROGRAMS:** "Jack In The Beanstalk" will be given March 14 in the Astoria High School Auditorium. It will be advertised in the Astorian-Budget. The third of this series, "Robin Hood" will be given some time in April. These Junior Programs have proved very successful.



NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK is announced for May 4 to 11, 1941.

We are asking all schools to join in paying tribute to music and help extend the appreciation of its beauty, its value and benefits more widely among the general public.

A copy of your music program for this week, must be sent to our office.

Next year is Music Festival year, and we hope Astoria will have a new Recreational Center to replace the one which was burned last year.

"Let's drink to the hope that one day this country of our which we love so much will find dignity, greatness and peace again."--Calvacade of America

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